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Note by the Secretary-General

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1. Pursuant to paragraph 37 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the first annual session of the Committee is convened immediately prior to the March session of the Council, while the second session is held in August. The Committee will therefore hold its fifteenth session from 10 to 14 August 2015.

2. Furthermore, pursuant to paragraph 38 of the annex to resolution 16/21, the annual report of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Council at its September session and be the subject of an interactive dialogue with the Committee Chairperson. Therefore, the reports of the Committee on its fourteenth and fifteenth sessions will be considered by the Council at its thirtieth session.

3. In its decision 18/121, the Human Rights Council decided that the cycle of the Advisory Committee would be adjusted to run from 1 October to 30 September. Terms of membership will therefore end on 30 September of each year.

Item 1
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Adoption of the agenda

4. The Advisory Committee will have before it the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/AC/15/1) and the present annotations relating to the items included in the provisional agenda.

Organization of work

5. Rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that each committee "shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item" (A/520/Rev.17). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will have before it, for its consideration and approval, a draft timetable prepared by the Secretariat showing the order and distribution of meeting time for each agenda item/segment of its programme of work for the fifteenth session.

Composition of the Advisory Committee

6. The composition of the Advisory Committee and the term of membership of each expert are as follows (see also para. 3 above):* Saeed Mohamed Al Faihani (Bahrain, 2015); Mohamed Bennani (Morocco, 2017); Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (France, 2017); Mario Luis Coriolano (Argentina, 2015); Laura-Maria Crăciunean (Romania, 2017); Hoda Elsadda (Egypt, 2016); Karla Hanania de Varela *(El Salvador, 2016); Mikhail Lebedev (Russian Federation, 2016); Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora (Uganda, 2016); Kaoru Obata (Japan, 2016); Obiora Chinedu Okafor (Nigeria, 2017); Katharina Pabel (Austria, 2015); Anantonia Reyes Prado (Guatemala, 2017); Changrok Soh (Republic of Korea, 2017); Ahmer Bilal Soofi (Pakistan, 2017); Imeru Tamrat Yigezu (Ethiopia, 2015); Yishan Zhang (China, 2016); and Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2016).

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* The year of expiry of the term of membership is shown in parenthesis.

Item 2
Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions

(a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee

(i) Integration of a gender perspective

7. In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to regularly and systematically integrate a gender perspective into the implementation of its mandate, including when examining the intersection of multiple forms of discrimination against women, and to include in its reports information on and qualitative analysis of human rights of women and girls.

8. At its second, fourth, tenth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

(ii) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

9. In its resolutions 8/5 and 18/6, the Human Rights Council requested, inter alia, the Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within its respective mandate, to the resolution and to make contributions towards its implementation. In resolution 18/6, the Council also decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedures mandate of independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. In its resolution 27/9, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert for another three years.

10. At its first, second, fourth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

11. At its nineteenth session, the Human Rights Council appointed Alfred de Zayas (United States of America) as Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. The Independent Expert will present his next report to the Council at its thirtieth session.

(iii) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities

12. In its resolution 7/9, the Human Rights Council encouraged the Advisory Committee and other mechanisms of the Council to integrate the perspective of persons with disabilities, as appropriate, in carrying out their work and in their recommendations in order to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the work of the Council. In its resolution 26/20, the Council decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedures mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

13. At its first, second, fourth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

14. At its organizational meeting, on 6 November 2014, the Human Rights Council appointed Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Costa Rica) as Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The Special Rapporteur presented her first report to the Council (A/HRC/28/58) at its twenty-eighth session.

(iv) Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal

15. In its resolution 24/1, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote

human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, bearing in mind both the value of relevant principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter and the value of good sporting example, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council before its twenty-seventh session.

16. Also in resolution 24/1, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders in this regard.

17. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Al Faihani, Mr. Bennani, Ms. Hanania de Varela, Mr. Lebedev (Rapporteur), Ms. Pabel and Mr. Zhang.

18. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaire to be disseminated to Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations. The questionnaire was disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the different stakeholders.

19. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee had before it the progress report of the Committee on the study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights (A/HRC/27/58), which was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Committee also designated Mr. Al Faihani to replace Mr. Seetulsingh as the Chairperson of the drafting group and recommended that the Council request the Committee to submit a final report to the Council at its thirtieth session.

20. In its resolution 27/8, the Human Rights Council took note with appreciation of the progress report of the Advisory Committee, and requested it to finalize the study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, and to present it in a report to the Council before its thirtieth session.

21. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to finalize its report to the Human Rights Council in the light of the discussion held by the Committee at its fourteenth session after circulating it to all members of the Committee for approval electronically, and to submit it to the Council at its thirtieth session.

22. At its fifteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the final report (A/HRC/30/50), to be considered by the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session.

(v) Local government and human rights

23. In its resolution 24/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services, with a view to compiling best practices and main challenges, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

24. Also in resolution 24/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, OHCHR and relevant special procedures, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to prepare the above-mentioned report. It also encouraged the Committee, when elaborating the report, to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the human rights treaty bodies, at the universal periodic review and by the special procedures, as well as the work done on the issue by relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes within their respective mandates.

25. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Benanni, Mr. Coriolano, Ms. Crăciunean, Ms. Elsadda, Ms. Pabel, Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Soh and Mr. Yigezu.

26. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full Committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, local authorities, relevant international and regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to stakeholders.

27. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee had before it the progress report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services (A/HRC/27/59), submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Committee designated Ms. Elsadda to replace Mr. Hüseynov as Rapporteur and Ms. Pabel to replace Mr. Seetulsingh as Chairperson of the drafting group, and recommended that the Council request the Committee to submit a final report to the Council at its thirtieth session.

28. In its resolution 27/4, the Human Rights Council took note with appreciation that the Advisory Committee had presented to the Council at its twenty-seventh session the above-mentioned progress report, and requested the Committee to continue its research, from within existing resources, and to submit a final report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights to the Council at its thirtieth session.

29. Also in resolution 27/4, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee, when elaborating the above-mentioned report, to include therein the main challenges faced by local governments in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to make recommendations on tackling those challenges based on best practices in human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services.

30. Also in the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek, if necessary, further views and the input of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant special procedures, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to finalize the above-mentioned research-based report.

31. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee took note of the draft final report[1] submitted by the drafting group and requested it to finalize its report to the Council in the light of the discussion held by the Advisory Committee at the fourteenth session after circulating it to all members of the Advisory Committee for approval electronically, and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session.

32. At its fifteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the final report (A/HRC/30/49), to be considered by the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session.

(vi) Activities of vulture funds and impact on human rights

33. In its resolution 27/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on the activities of vulture funds and the impact on human rights, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its thirty-first session.

[1] A/HRC/AC/14/CRP.1

34. Also in resolution 27/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, United Nations agencies, relevant international and regional organizations, OHCHR and relevant special procedures, including the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in the preparation of the above-mentioned research-based report.

35. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group for the preparation of the progress report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-first session, and which is comprises Mr. Bennani, Mr. Coriolano, Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Soofi (Chairperson) and Mr. Ziegler (Rapporteur).

36. Also at the fourteenth session, the drafting group and the full Committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2015 to different stakeholders.

37. At its fifteenth session, the Advisory Committee will consider the draft progress report (A/HRC/AC/15/CRP.1) to be presented to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-first session.

(b) Follow-up to reports of the Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council

(i) Promotion of the right of peoples to peace

38. In its resolution 14/3, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

39. At its fifth session, the Advisory Committee designated Ms. Chung, Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann, Mr. Heinz (Rapporteur), Mr. Hüseynov, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar (Chairperson) as members of a drafting group entrusted to work on the issue.

40. In its resolution 20/15, the Human Rights Council took note of the draft declaration prepared by the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/20/31) and established an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of progressively negotiating a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Committee. The Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Committee drafting group on the draft declaration participated in the first session of the working group, which was held from 18 to 21 February 2013.

41. In its resolution 23/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the working group to prepare a new text on the basis of the discussions held during the first session of the working group and on the basis of the intersessional informal consultations, and to present it prior to the second session of the working group for consideration and further discussion thereat. The second session of the working group was held from 30 June to 4 July 2014.

42. In September 2014, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 27/17, in which it decided to hold a third session of the working group in 2015, with the objective of finalizing the declaration. It also requested the Chairperson-Rapporteur to conduct informal

consultations and to prepare a revised text. The third session of the working group was held from 20 to 24 April 2015.

(ii) Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

43. In its resolution 13/23, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to explore ways and means to enhance cooperation in the field of human rights, taking into account the views contained in the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/13/19), and further views from States and relevant stakeholders, and to submit proposals thereon to the Council at its nineteenth session.

44. At its fifth session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux (Rapporteur), Mr. Hüseynov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Seetulsingh (Chairperson) and Ms. Warzazi as members of a drafting group to undertake preparatory work on the issue. Subsequently, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes replaced Mr. Decaux as Rapporteur of the drafting group.

45. In its resolution 19/33, the Human Rights Council took note of the study of the Advisory Committee on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/19/74), and requested OHCHR to organize a seminar, before its twenty-second session, with the participation of a member of the Committee to build upon the study prepared by the Committee, including the recommendations contained therein.

46. At its ninth session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Seetulsingh to participate in the seminar, which was held on 15 February 2013. Ms. Boisson de Chazournes also participated in the seminar. A summary of the seminar was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session (A/HRC/23/20).

47. In its resolution 23/3, the Human Rights Council took note of the report of OHCHR containing the summary of the deliberations held during the seminar, and requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a more focused and in-depth study on the ways and means to enhance international cooperation in the field of human rights, including, but not limited to, the identification of areas where further progress could be made, taking also into account responses received further to the consultations as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/169.

48. Also in resolution 23/3, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session.

49. At its eleventh session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, and designated Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Coriolano, Mr. Hüseynov, Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr. Okafor (Rapporteur), Ms. Pabel, Mr. Seetulsingh (Chairperson) and Mr. Ziegler as its members.

50. Also at its eleventh session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaire, which was disseminated to Member States in September 2013.

51. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft progress report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/12/CRP.2), which took into account the replies received to the questionnaire.

52. Also at its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to finalize its progress report to the Human Rights Council in the light of the discussion held by the Committee at its twelfth session, and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-sixth session. The report was accordingly submitted to the Council at its twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/26/41).

53. Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, at its twenty-eighth session, the Council held a panel discussion, in the context of its annual high-level discussion on human rights mainstreaming, on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights.

54. In its resolution 28/2, the Human Rights Council took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on the ways and means to enhance international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/26/41), and requested the High Commissioner to prepare, in consultation with States, and taking into account the discussions conducted by the panel, a report on the ways and means, as well as obstacles and challenges and proposals to overcome them, for the enhancement of international cooperation in the United Nations human rights machinery, including the Council, and to submit it to the Council before its thirtieth session.

(iii) Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

55. In its resolution 24/14, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report containing recommendations on a mechanism to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote accountability, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

56. Also in resolution 24/14, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to organize, prior to the twenty-seventh session of the Council, a workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women and children, in the States targeted, and to submit a report on the proceedings of the workshop to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

57. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Okafor, Mr. Soofi, Mr. Yigezu (Rapporteur) and Mr. Ziegler (Chairperson).

58. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full Committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to stakeholders.

59. Also at the same session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Okafor and Mr. Ziegler to participate in the workshop convened, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 24/14, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and held in Geneva on 23 May 2014.

60. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/13/CRP.2), and requested the drafting group to recirculate the questionnaire to seek the views and inputs of the stakeholders that did not respond to the questionnaires in order to allow for better informed work. The questionnaires were recirculated by the Committee in September 2014 to the stakeholders.

61. Also at its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to finalize its report in the light of the discussions held by the Committee and the replies received after recirculation of the questionnaires.

62. In its resolution 27/21, the Human Rights Council reiterated its request to the Advisory Committee to prepare the research-based report, and established, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.

63. Also in resolution 27/21, the Human Rights Council decided to organize a biennial panel discussion on the issue of unilateral coercive measures and human rights, starting at its twenty-ninth session, with the participation of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies and other relevant stakeholders, and requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare and submit a report on the panel discussion to the Council.

64. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee had before it the progress report (A/HRC/28/74), which was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

65. At its twenty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council appointed Idriss Jazairy (Algeria) as Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.

(iv) Technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks against persons with albinism

66. In its resolution 24/33, the Human Rights Council underscored the need for effective action to combat and eliminate attacks against persons with albinism and to adopt specific measures to protect and preserve the rights to life and to security of persons with albinism, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and ill-treatment.

67. Also in resolution 24/33, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

68. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes (Rapporteur), Mr. Coriolano, Mr. Obata and Mr. Okafor (Chairperson).

69. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full Committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, special procedures of the Human Rights Council, OHCHR field presences, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the stakeholders.

70. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/13/CRP.1), and requested the group to finalize its report in the light of the discussions held by the Committee.

71. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee had before it the report of the Committee on the study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism (A/HRC/28/75), which was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

72. In its resolution 28/6, the Human Rights Council acknowledged the report of the Advisory Committee and the recommendations therein, including to establish a special procedure mechanism, and established, for a period of three years, the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.

73. The Human Rights Council will appoint the Independent Expert at its twenty-ninth session.

Item 3
Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011

(a) Review of methods of work

74. According to paragraph 77 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee may propose within the scope of the work set out by the Council, for the latter's consideration and approval, suggestions for further enhancing its procedural efficiency.

75. In paragraphs 35 to 39 of section III of the annex to its resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council made reference to the Advisory Committee. In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the Council provided that the Committee should endeavour to enhance intersessional work between its members in order to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 81 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

76. At its fifteenth session, the Advisory Committee may therefore address issues related to its methods of work.

(b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

77. In paragraph 35 of section III of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council provided that it should, within existing resources, strengthen its interaction with the Advisory Committee and engage more systematically with it through work formats, such as seminars, panels and working groups, and sending feedback to the inputs of the Committee. Several members of the Committee participated in seminars or working groups mandated by the Council (see paras. 46 and 59 above).

78. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee decided to resubmit the following research proposals to the Human Rights Council, which had been submitted to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, for its consideration and approval:[2]

(a) The impact of settler colonialism on human rights;

(b) Whistle-blowing and human rights;

(c) Preserving international watercourses to protect the rights to life and to food;

(d) Unaccompanied child migration and human rights.

79. At the same session, the Committee also decided to resubmit the following research proposals, which had been submitted to the Human Rights Council at its previous sessions:

(a) The possibility of establishing a universal human rights court: strengthening the current human rights protection system;[3]

(b) Citizens' safety and human rights;[4]

[2] See A/HRC/AC/13/2, annex IV.
[3] See A/HRC/AC/12/2, annex IV.
[4] Ibid.

(c) Youth and human rights.[*]

80. Also at the fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee decided to produce reflection papers for its own use at every session of the Committee, which may be published on the OHCHR website as part of the Committee's reflection paper series.

81. At the present session, the Committee will therefore consider the following reflection papers prepared by Committee members:

(a) "Whistle-blowing and human rights in the context of corruption" (Katharina Pabel);

(b) "Climate-induced displacement and human rights" (Imeru Tamrat Yigezu);

(c) "Mainstreaming human rights in the post-2015 development agenda" (Laura-Maria Crăciunean);

(d) "Regional human rights regimes (protection mechanisms)" (Changrok Soh);

(e) "Global grievance forum for perceived defamation of religion" (Ahmer Bilal Soofi).

82. At its fifteenth session, the Advisory Committee may continue its discussions under this item, including on new priorities.

(c) Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications

83. In accordance with paragraphs 91 to 93 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee shall appoint five of its members, one from each regional group, with due consideration for gender balance, to constitute the Working Group on Communications. In the event of a vacancy, the Committee shall appoint an independent and highly qualified expert from the same regional group from the Committee. Since there is a need for independent expertise and continuity with regard to the examination and assessment of communications received, the independent and highly qualified experts of the Working Group shall be appointed for three years. Their mandate is renewable once only.

84. The current members of the Working Group on Communications were appointed by the Advisory Committee at its eleventh and thirteenth sessions (see A/HRC/AC/11/2, para. 29, and A/HRC/AC/13/2, paras. 36 and 37). At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will appoint four new members to replace four of the current members of the Working Group: one from the Group of African States, one from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, one from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one from the Group of Western European and Other States, whose term of membership with the Committee expires on 30 September 2015 (see also para. 6 above).

Item 4
Report of the Advisory Committee on its fifteenth session

85. The Advisory Committee will have before it for adoption a draft report on its fifteenth session, prepared by the Rapporteur.

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[*] See A/HRC/AC/9/6, annex IV.